

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, Senator Simon did specifically say that he is not on the Appropriations Committee, thereby, I guess indicating that unless one of these renovation projects relates specifically to an individual Senator's duties, it is not worthy of our vote, but Senator Simon, I don't think that as Senators we ought to always think in terms of cheapness when it comes to us or this building itself. Anything which will improve and enhance the quality and strengthen this structure, I think is worth our voting for. We're never going to appropriate enough money, Senator Simon, at one time to do everything that needs to be done in this building. It's going to be a piecemeal process so since we have the opportunity to vote this amount of money now, I think we ought to do it and the watchword ought to be, don't continue always to think cheap when it comes to the Legislature. One of the things that will upgrade our image in the eyes of the public will be determined by how much we think of ourselves and if every time an appropriation or any other program that relates to the Legislature comes before us and we put it down and we say we're not worthy of it or we indicate that there is something wrong with the Legislature trying to enhance the building where it meets, the public is going to pick up on that very quickly and use it as an excuse and a justification to continue to put the Legislature down. This body should analogize to a human being or to an individual, Senator Simon, the people who manifest great selfrespect and personal confidence tend to generate that kind of reaction in people.

SENATOR MARSH: Okay, thank you, Ernie.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So to the extent that we believe in what we're doing other people will believe in it too.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask you a little bit about phase two. It's my understanding that it is not hard and fast at this time. Is that correct?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That is correct, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: And who will make the final decision, Senator Luedtke?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Well of course it's in the hands of the Executive Board. It was turned over to the Speaker to get together with the architects. There are preliminary plans on the drawing board for the offices of the Legislators which is basically the phase two to renovate them in the style of the capitol building. It is something that Senator Fitzgerald came to the Executive Board and said, what are we going to do about it? We did do something about it. We've got this ready and this is the amount of money that would be needed for it.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Luedtke. Ladies and gentlemen, I urge your support for the override for phase two of the renovation of our beautiful capitol building. This building deserves our care. It can't stay this beautiful if we do not give it the care it needs. Thank you.